

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 776

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Sharon Turner on being honored as Witt Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Turner is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turner has recently been selected as the Witt Elementary School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turner has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for twenty-nine years and has been a member of the Witt staff for four years as a first grade teacher; she holds a master's degree from the University of Tennessee, a Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University, and an associate's degree from Walters State Community College, and

WHEREAS, prior to her exemplary tenure at Witt Elementary, Sharon Turner taught at Fairview-Marguerite Elementary School and Washburn Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, her continuing studies pursuits include Leaping into Learning Centers, DIBELS, Introduction to Houghton and Mifflin, Mosaic of Thought, Differentiated Instruction, Project Learning Tree, Teaching Strategies with Informational Text, Introducing Algebra, Agriculture in the Classroom, Effectively Using Guided Reading, Continuous Assessment of Reading Performance, and Strategies for Teaching Reading; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turner has also earned expertise in No Bullying, Core Essentials, Quick Response, Six-Trait Writing, and Learning Focused Strategies; she has served capably as chairperson of Witt's School Improvement Committee and as grade-level chairperson and is a supervisor of student teachers and practicum teacher for students; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her stellar service to the children of Witt Elementary School as an educator, Sharon Turner is active in DARE education, the Parent-Teacher Organization, and Family Reading night; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turner extends her considerable skills and talents to her community, volunteering with CEASE, United Way, and Mountain Makins'; and

WHEREAS, a devout and thoughtful individual, she is a faithful member of First Baptist Church, and

WHEREAS, Sharon Turner is deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; her son was educated in the Hamblen County school system, and she has been involved in a variety of sports and extra curricular activities at Union Heights, East Ridge, and East High as a sponsor, volunteer, and chaperone; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turner is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Turner truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turner truly epitomizes the paragon of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Sharon Turner on being chosen as the Witt Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the

children of Hamblen County, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.